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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 7, 1977

NEW YORK TIMES

NOTE: INSIDE STORY. NO PICTURE.

LAURA FOREMAN FROM BRASILIA.

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER IS GIVEN LOW-KEY WELCOME IN BRAZIL."

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER RECEIVED A BRIEF, LOW-KEY WELCOME
TODAY IN A CITY TROUBLED BY STUDENT UNREST, CAPITAL OF A
COUNTRY WHOSE RELATIONS WITH THE (REMAINDER OF SENTENCE
OMITT:D BY PRINTER)."

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FULL TEXT CARRIED TODAY BY USIA WIRELESS FILE, SLUGGED FOR
MRS. CARTER'S PARTY -- MRS. HOYT, JOHN KING.

WASHINGTON POST

NOTE: INSIDE. PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER'S GREETING BY
SILVEIA .

SUSANNA MCBE: FROM BRASILIA.

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER CITES HOPE TO IMPROVE TIES WITH

BRAZIL."

LEAD: AMID SIGNS THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS EFFORT BY U.S. AND BRAZILIAN DIPLOMATS TO SMOOTH OVER SHARP RECENT DIFFERENCES, ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED HERE TODAY AND SAID SHE HOPES HER VISIT TO BRAZIL WILL IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

FULL TEXT ON TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NOTE: INSIDE. NO PICTURE.

MARLENE CIMONS FROM BRASILIA.

HEADLINE: "MRS. CARTER ARRIVES IN BRAZIL FACING TOUGHEST TEST OF TRIP."

LEAD: "FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVED MONDAY TO A POLITE BUT LOW-KEY WELCOME IN LATIN AMERICA'S LARGEST COUNTRY, FACING PROBABLY THE TOUGHEST TEST OF HER SEVEN-NATION TRIP."

OTHER POINTS:

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-- A SMALL INVITATION-ONLY CROWD LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SALVEIRA AND AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS GREETED HER.

-- QUOTES SILVEIRA'S "ONE SENTENCE PUBLIC WELCOME."

-- OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES MRS. CARTER IS VISITING, BRAZIL IS EXPERIENCING THE MOST STRAINED RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. BRAZIL CANCELED A MILITARY PACT AND REJECTED 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN LOAN CREDITS BECAUSE A STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT CITED BRAZIL AMONG COUNTRIES VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS. BRAZIL ALSO WAS ANGERED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES USABLE FOR ATOMIC WEAPONS AND PLANS TO BUY NUCLEAR REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT FROM WEST GERMANY DESPITE U.S. OPPOSITION.

BEGIN QUOTE: A U.S. OFFICIAL BASED IN BRAZIL, HOWEVER, SAID THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION IN TENSION SINCE MARCH AND BOTH SIDES HAVE COME TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING FRIENDLY TIES. "I THINK THIS IS EVIDENCED BY THE IMPORTANCE THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO MRS. CARTER'S

VISIT," HE SAID. "THEY VIEW THIS NOT AS A GOODWILL MISSION, BUT FOR WHAT IT IS -- A SUBSTANTIVE VISIT." THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT GEISEL "IS

LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT WITH MRS. CARTER. HE HAS BLOCKED OUT A LONGER PERIOD THAN HE NORMALLY SETS ASIDE FOR A VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARY. ALSO, HE WILL OPEN HIS HOME TO HER TUESDAY NIGHT. TO MY MIND, IT IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS ENTERTAINED A VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARY IN HIS HOME." END QUOTE.

-- MRS. CARTER MEETS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL THIS MORNING. TONIGHT GEISEL GIVES A DINNER IN HER HONOR AT PALACIO DE ALVARADO WHERE HE LIVES.

-- MRS. CARTER ARRIVED DURING OUTBREAK OF STUDENT DEMON-
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STRATIONS. GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS RECENTLY AND MONDAY CLOSED UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA CAMPUS FOR DURATION OF HER STAY. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SENT MRS. CARTER A LETTER THROUGH THE EMBASSY PROTESTING SUSPENSION OF 16 STUDENTS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENTS' STRIKE AND DESCRIBING THEIR TREATMENT AS "A SYMPTOM OF THE OPPRESSION UNDER WHICH WE AS STUDENTS HAVE LIVED MOST OF OUR LIVES." QUOTE FROM STUDENT LETTER CONTINUES, ENDING WITH "ARBITRARY IMPRISONMENT AND TORTURE ARE FEARS THAT RULE OUR LIVES."

-- FIRST LADY WILL GO WEDNESDAY TO RECIFE WHERE SHE WILL VISIT A FAMILY SHE LIVED WITH TEN DAYS IN 1972, WHEN CARTER WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, AS PART OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM KNOWN AS 'FRIENDSHIP FORCE.'

ABC-TV EVENING NEWS (MONDAY)

MARGARET OSMER, HARRY REASONER AND HOWARD K. SMITH

OSMER: "THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT THAT PLEASED ABOUT MRS. CARTER'S VISIT AT FIRST, BUT HAVING BEEN CONVINCED THAT HER TALKS WERE TO BE ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AND PERHAPS IMPROVE WHAT HAVE BEEN STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE WELCOME MAT WAS OUT, AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA WAS ON HAND TO GREET HER. AS PART OF THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY, MRS. CARTER MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT."

(MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS)

OSMER: "LESS THAN TWO HOURS AFTER HER ARRIVAL, MRS. CARTER PAID A VISIT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR THE FIRST OF SEVERAL MEETINGS SHE WILL HAVE WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS."

REASONER: "MOST OF MRS. CARTER'S PREVIOUS STOPS WERE ES-
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SENTIALLY GOODWILL TOURS, FACT-FINDING VISITS. HOWEVER, BRAZIL IS EXPECTED TO BE MORE OF A CHALLENGE TO MRS. CARTER'S DIPLOMATIC SKILLS. HOWARD K. SMITH EXPLAINS WHY. "

SMITH: "BRAZIL WILL BE THE SUPREME TEST OF MRS. CARTER'S TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA FOR SOME VERY SOLID REASONS; FOR ONE THING, IT IS CLEARLY THE LAND OF THE FUTURE IN THIS HEMISPHERE. IT IS BIGGER IN AREA THAN THE FORTY-EIGHT CONTIGUOUS STATES. ITS VARIED-PALMED, DENSELY FORESTED AREA IS THOUGH TO CONTAIN ABUNDANT RICH RESOURCES. ITS WEALTH ALREADY IN USE IS GROWING AT A RATE OF 10 PER CENT A YEAR, ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWTH RATES OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. IN ANOTHER DECADE OR TWO IT MAY OVERTAKE MANY EUROPEAN GREAT NATIONS OF THE PAST. FOR ANOTHER THING, ONCE ONE OF OUR CLOSEST CLIENTS, IT HAS SLIPPED SWIFTLY AWAY FROM US. TEN YEARS AGO WE SUPPLIED MOST OF BRAZIL'S DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL. NOW, JAPAN HAS REPLACED US AS FIRST. ARAB OIL MONEY IS MOVING IN FAST, AND SO IS CAPITAL FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET. LATELY, ITS MOOD TOWARDS US HAS CHANGED FROM THE NEW INDIFFERENCE TO OUTRIGHT HOSTILITY. IT VOTES AGAINST US IN THE UN, WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET-BACKED REGIME IN ANGOLA. ANGERED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICISM, IT CANCELLED A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR ALLIANCE WITH US, AND REJECTED A 50 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO BUY ARMS. BRAZIL HENCEFORTH WILL BUY ITS ARMS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AS A MATTER OF GEOPOLITICS, IT'S UNWISE TO LET SO NEAR AND POTENTIALLY MIGHTY A NATION BE ALIENATED FROM US. IF MRS. CARTER MERELY MAKES A GOOD IMPRESSION THERE IT WILL BE WORTH HER WHOLE TOUR. BUT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY SOME HARD SUBSTANTIVE ACTION BY HER HUSBAND IF WE ARE TO STOP THE ONGOING ROT IN RELATIONS."

CBS-TV MORNING NEWS - TUESDAY

DAVID DOW: MRS. CARTER ARRIVED IN LATIN AMERICA'S LARGEST UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY FOR THE BIGGEST DIPLOMATIC TASK YET ON HER SEVEN NATION TOUR: TO LEND IMPETUS TO U.S. EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS THAT HIT A LOW POINT IN THE EARLY DAYS OF HER HUSBAND'S ADMINISTRATION. IN MARCH, BRAZIL'S MILITARY-BACKED GOVERNMENT SEVERED A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR OLD MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENTS OVER A U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT AND U.S. ATTEMPTS TO MODIFY BRAZIL'S GIANT NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH WEST GERMANY. HER ARRIVAL STATEMENT CALLED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, REFERRING TO ISSUES IN ONLY THE MOST GENERAL TERMS."

(MRS. CARTER'S REMARKS)

DOW: "MRS. CARTER VISITED BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND ANTONIO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, WHOSE MEETING IN PARIS LAST WEEK WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE WAS WIDELY VIEWED AS A PROMISING STEP TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS."

NBC-TV TODAY (TUESDAY)

JUDY WOODRUFF: "MRS. CARTER ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY AIRPORT IN BRASILIA AFTER A FIVE-HOUR FLIGHT FROM LIMA, PERU, THE ONLY COUNTRY SO FAR ON HER TRIP WHERE NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR HIS WIFE CAME TO WELCOME HER. RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN STRAINED DURING RECENT MONTHS AS PRESIDENT CARTER ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE GERMANS FROM SELLING A NUCLEAR PROCESSING PLANT TO BRAZIL, AND BECAUSE OF CRITICISM LEVELLED AT THIS COUNTRY FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. LATER, MRS. CARTER PAID A COURETSY CALL ON BRAZIL'S FOREIGN MINISTER. DURING THE CAMPAIGN PRESIDENT CARTER CRITICIZED A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER LAST YEAR CALLING FOR REGULAR HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MR. CARTER SAID IT WAS A MISTAKE TO SINGLE OUT ONE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT. IN SPITE OF WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT CARTER SAID ABOUT NOT SINGLING OUT ANY LATIN AMERICAN NATION FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT, BRAZIL IS NOT A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN AFFORD TO HAVE CONTINUED STRAINED RELATIONS. THAT IS WHY U.S. OFFICIALS ARE CALLING THIS STOP THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE ON MRS. CARTER'S TOUR."

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CHERYL ARVIDSON FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "ROSALYNN CARTER, IN THE MOST CHALLENGING TASK OF HER LATIN AMERICAN TOUR, BEGINS MEETINGS TODAY WITH BRAZILIAN LEADERS ANGERED OVER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR POWER"

OTHER POINTS:

-- MRS. CARTER'S ASSIGNMENT WAS TO PRESS CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WITHOUT OFFENSE TO BRAZIL'S MILITARY LEADERS.

-- DELICATE MISSION RENDERED MORE DIFFICULT BY LETTER FROM STUDENT LEADERS DRAFTED TO MRS. CARTER AND SMUGGLED INTO U.S. EMBASSY.

-- LETTER DETAILED HISTORY OF RECENT WAVE OF STUDENT PRO-TESTS. STUDENTS SAID THEY BELIEVED MRS. CARTER'S TRIP "MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE FOR FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS" AND "WE SINCERELY HOPE PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY TOWARD BRAZIL WILL BE GUIDED BY HIS SUPPORT OF RIGHTS TO WHICH ALL HUMAN BEINGS, EVERYWHERE, ARE ENTITLED."

-- RELATIONS WITH U.S. HIT LOW POINT IN MARCH. SITUATION HAS GRADUALLY IMPROVED FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN CARTER AND GEISEL. MRS. CARTER HOPED TO CONSOLIDATE UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE GAINS AND REOPEN LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

REUTER FROM BRASILIA

LEAD: "MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER TODAY MET PRESIDENT ERNESTO GEISEL IN AN EFFORT TO PATCH UP U.S.-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS, SOURED SINCE HER HUSBAND TOOK OFFICE.

OTHER POINTS:

-- SHE MET GEISEL AT THE PLANALTO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

-- SILVEIRA DESCRIBED HIS TALKS WITH MRS. CARTER LAST NIGHT AS VERY PRODUCTIVE.

-- SENATE LEADER PORTELA TOLD MRS. CARTER HE WAS CERTAIN U.S.-BRAZIL TIES WOULD BECOME CLOSER SAYING "YOUR VISIT WILL BE A BASIC FACTOR IN THE GROWING IDENTITY BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS." HE ADDED THAT MRS. CARTER WAS "A VERY ESTEEMED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER." VANCE

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